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(FOR KEY SEE REVERSE)

- 1. The textbooks used by the Rumanian schools are published by the Ministry for National Culture and do not indicate the names of their authors. These tex_{25×1} books, particularly those on history and literature, contain many crude falsifications. The following are samples:
 - a. According to the current official textbook, the war of 1877-78 was fought by Russian soldiers only, who won independence and the Dobrogea for Rumania. The part played by Carol I and the Rumanians themselves, and the Russian annexation of Bessarabia, are not mentioned.
 - b. With regard to World War I, King Ferdinand is not mentioned. Generally throughout its history only the people acted and were victorious, without either rulers or leaders.
 - c. In literature many poems and tales have been arbitrarily amended to suit the new line, and only such poets and writers are published now as have been approved by a special committee. Some of the works of the national poets Vasile Alexandri and Mihail Eminescu have been changed. For instance, the line "There were three regiments of the Imperial Army", in the poem Sergentul (The Sergeant) by Alexandri, now reads, "There were three regiments of Russian Guards"; and the line "Bulgarians with their gross necks, Greeks with their thin noses", was eliminated from Eminescu's famous poem "Scrisoarea 3-a" (The Third Letter).
- A number of higher technical schools have been established in Rumania since 1949, including the following categories:
 - a. Technica Pielarie Leather
 - b. Technica Contabila Accounting
 - c. Technica Mine Si Petrol Mining and Oil Engineering. These are located at Petrosani, Ploesti, and Bucharest.
 - d. Technica Grafica Printing
 - e. Technica Sanitara Basic studies and training for hospitals, dentists, minor surgery, et cetera.

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3. Pupils are admitted to these schools at 14 years of age if they have had four years of elementary school and the first three classes of a secondary school. The course takes four years. On graduation the best pupils, chosen mainly from the children of workers and peasants, are admitted to the university. Here they immediately enter the specialized courses, a dentist, for instance, being excused from all preliminary general medical studies. Students of the higher technical school who are not admitted to the university become technicians, medical assistants, auxiliary personnel, et cetera.

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